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SUBJ: OAU MOZAMBIQUE RESOLUTION

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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF OAU PLENARY
DRAFT RESOLUTION ON RHODESIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE:
QTE: THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE OAU MEETING IN ITS 29TH
ORDINARY SESSION AT LIBREVILLE, GABON FROM 23 TO 30 JUNE, 1977,
HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE ON THE RECENT IN-
VASION OF MOZAMBIQUE AND CONTINUOUS INCURSIONS BY THE REBEL
REGIME OF IAN SMITH,

RECALLING THE MAURITIUS RESOLUTION AHG/RES.80 OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT WHICH INTER-ALIA:

A) DECLARES THAT ANY ATTACK BY THE ACIST REGIME ON
ANY FRONTLINE STATES SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS AN ATTACK
AGAINST THE WHOLE OF INDEPENDENT AFRICA,

B) DECIDES THAT IN THE EVENT OF SUCH AN ATTACK

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MEMBER STATES OF THE OAU WILL GRANT ALL POSSIBLE
SUPPORT TO REPEL THE AGGRESSION AGAINST AN IN-
DEPENDENT MEMBER STATE,

RECALLING THE RELEVANT OAU RESOLUTIONS ON SOUTHERN
RHODESIA,

RECALLING FURTHER U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS CALLING ON U.N. MEMBER STATES TO APPLY STRICTLY ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND OTHER SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA WITH A VIEW OF ENDING RACISM AND REBELLION IN THE TERRITORY,

RECALLING THE DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE OF 3 MARCH 1976 TO CLOSE ITS BORDERS WITH RHODESIA AND STRICTLY APPLY SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTHERN RHODESIA IN CONFORMITY WITH UN AND OAU RESOLUTIONS AIMED AT TOPPLING THE ILLEGAL REBEL REGIME IN SALISBURY,

INDIGNANT AT THE PROVOCATIVE AND ARROGANT ATTITUDE OF THE REBEL REGIME IN ATTACKING STATES MEMBERS OF THE OAU NEIGHBOURING ON SOUTHERN RHODESIA, NAMELY MOZAMBIQUE, BOTSWANA, AND ZAMBIA IN A DESPERATE EFFORT TO COW THEM FROM SUPPORTING THE LEGITIMATE LIBERATION CAUSE OF THE TERRITORY,

EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR MOZAMBIQUE'S COURAGE IN REPELLING THE FORCES OF AGGRESSION OF THE ILLEGAL RACIST MINORITY REGIME OF RHODESIA,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE STEPPED UP EXECUTION OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION WAR IN ZIMBABWE AND THE SUPPORT RENDERED TO THE NATIONALIST FORCES BY THE FRONTLINE STATES WHO HAVE HAD TO MAKE UNLIMITED SACRIFICES TOWARDS THIS CAUSE,

REITERATING THE FIRM COMMITMENT OF THE OAU TO THE LIBERATION OF THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA FROM THE

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ILLEGAL MINORITY REBEL REGIME, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MAJORITY RULE AND THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION BY THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE,

1. STRONGLY CONDEMNS REBEL RHODESIA'S NAKED WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE BACKED BY ARTILLERY AND AIRCRAFT AND THE SUBSEQUENT MASSACRES OF HUNDREDS OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS,

2. CONDEMNS SOUTH AFRICA FOR COLLUSION IN THE REBEL REGIME'S INVASION OF MOZAMBIQUE,

3. CONGRATULATES THE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE FOR THEIR UNDAUNTED COURAGE IN REPELLING THE FORCES OF AGGRESSION AND THEIR UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE,

4. COMMENDS THE ZIMBABWE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS FOR STEPPING UP THE LIBERATION WAR IN THEIR COUNTRY THUS CAUSING PANIC IN THE RANKS OF THE REBEL REGIME,

5. REAFFIRMS THE OAU'S TOTAL SUPPORT FOR AND SOLIDARITY

WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE IN THEIR UNSHAKEABLE RESOLVE TO DEFEND THEIR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND CARRYING OUT THEIR AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, IN SUPPORT OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE.

6. URGES ALL OAU MEMBER STATES IN THE SPIRIT OF THE OAU MARITUS RESOLUTION AHG/RES.80(XIII) TO PROVIDE THE PEOPLES OF MOZAMBIQUE WITH EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE PARTICULARLY THAT GEARED TO STRENGTHEN HER DEFENSE CAPABILITIES,

7. REITERATES THE UNQUALIFIED COMMITMENT OF THE OAU IN ITS DETERMINATION TO STEP UP ITS MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF ZIMBABWE TO ENABLE
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THEM TO VIGOROUSLY EXECUTE THE ARMED STRUGGLE WHICH IS THE ONLY OPTION LEFT IN THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE IN THE COLONIST AND RACIST REGIME OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA DETERMINED TO SUPPRESS THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND TO HARASS THOSE COUNTRIES OPPOSED TO RACIST MINORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA,

8. INVITES MEMBER STATES OF THE OAU TO ASSIST FRONTLINE STATES VICTIMS OF AGRESSION BY THE RACIST MINORITY REGIMES BY COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO COME TO THE AID OF THESE COUNTRIES WHENEVER THEY ARE ATTACKED OR THREATENED BY THE RACIST REGIMES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA,

9. APPEALS TO ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE U.N. AND INDEED ALL GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO GIVE IMMEDIATE AND SUBSTANTIAL PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES ARISING OUT OF SYSTEMATIC ACTS OF AGGRESSION COMMITTED AGAINST HER THROUGH THE INVASION AND THREATS TO ITS NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY,

10. CALLS UPON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES PARTICULARLY THOSE PROVIDED FOR UNDER CHAPTER VII OF THE U.N. CHARTER IN ORDER TO BRING TO A SPEEDY END THE PREVAILING SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE WHICH IS THE SOURCE OF INSTABILITY AND INSECURITY WHICH CONSTITUTES A SERIOUS THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY,

11. FURTHER CALLS UPON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT MEASURES FACILITATING PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE IN ORDER TO ENABLE IT TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSE CAPABILITIES AS WELL AS OVERCOME THE TREMENDOUS
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MATERIAL LOSS INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE SERIES OF
AGGRESSION AND DEVASTATION COMMITTED BY THE ILLEGAL
RACIST MINORITY REGIME,

12. MANDATES THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: ALGERIA -
NIGERIA - GABON - TANZANIA AND LESOTHO TO ASSIST
MOZAMBIQUE ALONG WITH THE AFRICAN GROUP DURING THE
CONSIDERATION OF THE MATTER AT THE FORTHCOMING
MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE U.N.

13. REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF
THE OAU TO CONVENE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE MEETING
OF THE DEFENCE COMMISSION WITH A VIEW TO RECOMMENDING
THE APPROPRIATE MEASURES FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE IM-
PORTANT QUESTION OF REPEATED AGGRESSION OF IAN SMITH'S
ADMINISTRATION AGAINST FRONTLINE COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR
AND ALL VICTIMS OF SUCH AGGRESSION IN GENERAL.

14. DECIDES ON THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE COM-
POSED OF WHICH SHALL RECOMMEND ALL FORMS
OF APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE. END QUOTE.

2. WITH RESPECT OAU DELEGATION, GABONESE FRMIN BONGO
NOT RPT NO PROCEEDING TO NEW YORK AND ALGERIAN REPRE-
SENTATIVE BEING SENT FROM ALGIERS. GABONESE MINSTATE
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